

HOUSE RESOLUTION 178
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Sterling Windley for
laudable service to the United States Navy and
the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
members of the United States Armed Forces who have dedicated their lives to protecting the
safety and security of their fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Sterling Windley, who was recently
awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal by the United States Department of
the Navy; and

WHEREAS, Electronics Technician Third Class (SS) John Windley was awarded the
Medal for professional achievement in the superior performance of his duties while serving in
USS Louisville as a member of the Navigation Division from November 1999 to May 2003; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Windley consistently performed his demanding duties in an
exemplary and highly professional manner; and

WHEREAS, as Fathometer Operator, he provided timely recommendations and forceful
backup to the navigation supervisor during extended shallow water, high contact density
operations; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating superior technical ability and alert watchstanding as the Maneuvering Watch Auxiliary Electrician Forward, Petty Officer Windley provided immediate repairs to interior communication equipment and bridge navigation systems, thus ensuring safe navigation; and

WHEREAS, additionally, he made numerous repairs to navigation and interior communications systems, ensuring the ship's ability to conduct deployed operations; and

WHEREAS, as Radar Operator, he consistently provided the contact coordinator an accurate surface contact picture and timely recommendations for the ship's safety; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Windley's tireless efforts contributed to the successful completion of two Western Pacific deployments, including five Seventh Fleet missions vital to national security and Fifth Fleet combat operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, his managerial ability, personal initiative, and unswerving devotion to duty reflected great credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Petty Officer Windley has also garnered the Good Conduct Award and a prior Navy and Marine Corps Medal and was recognized as Junior Sailor of the Quarter while on the USS Indianapolis; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, along with the citizens of Tennessee, are keenly aware of the countless sacrifices of those valiant men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces, who serve both at home and abroad to protect the lives, liberty, and national interests of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and appropriate that we should honor, to the best of our ability, Petty Officer Windley for his dauntless courage and commitment to the cause of liberty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby congratulate

Petty Officer John Sterling Windley upon his receipt of the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, honor him for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and the United States Department of the Navy, and extend our heartfelt thanks for his unswerving dedication to protecting the freedoms of all Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.